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HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

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- operates large modern department stores in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria
- owns Henry Morgan & Co. Limited, with 11 Morgan department stores in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa
- has medium size department stores serving 30 communities from Sept Iles, on the Gulf of the St. Lawrence, to Kitimat, on the Pacific Ocean
- has nearly 200 Northern Stores, 30 of which are in the Canadian Arctic
- is the largest fur dealer in the free world, with auction houses in London, New York and Montreal
- conducts a country-wide wholesale business in tobacco and confectionery products
- distributes the world famous Hudson's Bay "Point" Blankets and blanket garments
- sells its own brands of high quality liquors
- provides multi-storey "Parkades" adjacent to six stores for the convenience of motoring customers
- operates aircraft, diesel-powered vessels and a radio network for communications with remote stores
- has nine raw fur branches across Canada
- has a U-Paddle Canoe Rental Service
- is represented in the oil and gas industry through 22% interest in Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company Limited
- is the oldest incorporated trading company in the world.











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Yesterday ...

- incorporated 2nd May, 1670, by Royal Charter granted by Charles II following achievements of Groseilliers and Radisson
- for 200 years owned and governed 1,400,000 square miles, much of which is today Western Canada
- sent Henry Kelsey westward from Hudson Bay—the first white man on the Canadian prairies
- sent Samuel Hearne northward from Hudson Bay—the first white man to reach the Arctic Ocean overland
- set aside 116,000 square miles for the Selkirk settlers
- engaged in fierce competition with the North West Company prior to merger of the two companies in 1821
- founded the cities of Winnipeg, Edmonton, Victoria, and others in Western Canada
- explored the northern interior of British Columbia and the Yukon through its officers, Samuel Black, John Bell, Robert Campbell, and others
- explored and mapped much of the Canadian Arctic through such men as Dr. John Rae, Peter Warren Dease and Thomas Simpson.
- built Fort Yukon and traded in Alaska when that state was Russian
- operated trading posts as far south as San Francisco and as far west as Hawaii
- developed the York boat
- operated the first chain store system in the country
- set up the first experimental farm in Western Canada
- operated the celebrated Arctic supply ship "Nascopie" from 1912 to 1947.